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In re the Application of: Wilhelm STOFFEL et al.

Serial No.: 09/485,473

Group Art Unit: 1644

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Examiner: P. NOLAN

For: NEUTRAL SPHINGOMYELINASE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment extension of time in the above-captioned application.

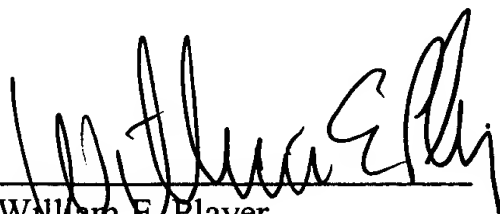
xx Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.

xx A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached for extension of time.

xx If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.